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Class of 1909, Barber County High School, Medicine Lodge, Kansas



Blanche Edna Johnson



Grace Darling Richardson



Theodore Harvey Utterback



Roger Andrew Axline



Charlotte Gladys Gibson



Ruth Alma Flint

(Photos by Quirk)

COMMENCEMENT 1909

A Gala Week in Medicine Lodge Educational Circles. The Public Responsive and all the Functions Overwhelmingly Attended

The Barber County High School and the Medicine Lodge public schools had a gala commencement week, beginning Monday, May 17th and ending Thursday night, May 20th.

The grade exercises held Monday night were reviewed in these columns last week and need no further notice except to say that the proceeds were \$71.45 which was far above expectations considering the very low price of admission.

The Alumni Association of the High School held its First Annual Banquet in the Presbyterian church Tuesday night. The menu prepared by the Episcopal ladies comprised a variety of seasonable delicacies which were enjoyed by the members and guests to the uttermost. Covers were laid for 125.

Seward I. Field presided as toastmaster and in that capacity had the other speakers at his mercy. But it must be said in candor that he exercised the automatic power with discretion and was guilty of no tyranny. His remarks and repartee at different intervals were well timed and did much to round out the evening's pleasure.

The president, Blanche E. Griffin, made the address of welcome in a most happy manner and her words were so well chosen and so ably said that every member and every guest at once felt at home and more than welcome at the festival board.

Responses were made by Carrie Shaw, Samuel Griffin, Dora Frances Haun, U. C. Herr, S. S. Alexander, Gladys Gibson, Henry Rankin, L. M. Axline, Mary Elizabeth McCoy, Frank Williams, S. Edna Grandstaff, Dr. Leon L. Osborn, Lucile McCague, Prof. D. W. Major, Gertrude Hall and James M. Hellings. In the majority of cases, the toasts were from beginners and all showed remarkable talent (excepting present company) and their toasts were received with hearty applause. It was indeed difficult to separate the amateurs from the past-masters for they all talked so entertainingly that wit and good fellowship flowed as freely as the waters in the babbling brook.

Prof. J. E. Thomas, Prof. E. A. Shephardson, F. F. Perry and Walter L. Owen were unable to be present and their places were supplied from among the guests.

At the completion of the program the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Carrie Shaw
Vice President, Henry Rankin
Recording Secretary, Gladys Gibson
Corresponding Secretary, Uel Major
Treasurer, Dr. Leon L. Osborn

GRADUATION EXERCISES

The graduating exercises were held at the opera house Wednesday night. The people of the city and community responded in great numbers and the hall was packed from stage to gallery which is evidence that the public is interested, and deeply interested, in our splendid County High School.

The stage decorations were in the class colors, orange and purple, and the abundance of tea roses, carnations and smilax added lustre and exceeding brilliancy to the surrounding of the class. The class motto "Non via est sed ire" (There is no other way but to go on) overhung the stage, suggestive of the purpose of the class members.

The Medicine Lodge orchestra furnished instrumental music at different intervals. And it is proper and wholly due Messrs. Monley, Hoss, Davis, Lindley, Rankin, Major and Miss Grace Williams, who comprise the orchestra, to say that they are high-class musicians and their numbers on the program were immensely enjoyed.

Vocal music was furnished by Mesdames Skinner, Forsyth, Carrie Shaw, A. D. Shaw, C. M. Johnson, McPherson, Major, Misses Frances Young, Grace Williams, Lila Powers, and Messrs. Rackley, Percy Knight, Frank Knight, Harry Terry, Wright Terry, and Robt. Crane, with Mrs. Griffin accompanist.

The Ladies' Quartette, "Thinking of You," by Madam Forsyth, Skinner and Major and Miss Grace Williams, was especially fine and was received with extraordinary compliment and praise.

The class representatives on the program were Miss Grace Richardson, salutatorian; Roger A. Axline, class historian; and Blanche E. Johnson valedictorian.

Miss Richardson's oration was, "Where There's a Will There's a Way." She handled her subject most logically, proving from history and present day example that where the will was formulated, supported by force and energy, success was brought out of seeming defeat and victory snatched from what was popularly looked upon as inevitable failure. Before taking up her subject she bade a hearty welcome to the audience, which was received with great favor.

Mr. Axline read the history and prophecy of the class members. His discourse was replete with wit and humor and provoked hearty laughter in the audience. It is sincerely hoped that the prophecy which is to materialize in 1918 will become an actuality and that the individual members of the class of 1909 will fall heir to the blessings which their fellow graduates foresee through optimistic lenses in the present day.

Miss Johnson's oration was, "Can a High School Graduate Make Good?" She upheld the affirmative and made a strong argument, making a pretty distinction between the power of one to "make good" if he so wills, and the failure to do so by reason of his own indifference. This was followed up by a reference to the vast sums expended to maintain high schools and colleges and a citation to men of affairs who find it necessary to equip themselves with a thorough education before taking up great responsibilities.

In closing, Miss Johnson extended to the faculty, the board of education and the general public, the gratitude of the class for the support and encouragement received, and her oration was received with deafening applause.

Miss Johnson's voice was especially strong and clear and she displayed rare talent as a speaker.

Prof. Major briefly extended thanks to the board of education and the public, after which the diplomas were presented to the class by the secretary in a few words deemed suitable to the occasion; and thus the Fifteenth Annual Commencement of our High School passes into history.

THE CLASS RECEPTION

The most enjoyable function of the week was the reception which was given in the High School rooms by the class of 1909 Thursday night. The rooms and hallways were most beautifully decorated in the class colors and choicest flowers and floors laden with rugs. An exceedingly nice program was prepared and participated in by talent in and out of the school, among whom were Misses Annie Bell, Millie Webb and Nell Sample readers; Misses Frances Young, Cynthia McGuire, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Griffin, Messrs. Harry Terry, Uel Major, Wendell Hoss and Felix McNeal who furnished an abundance of high-class music,

vocal and instrumental, and at the close a most splendid address by Hon. T. A. McNeal of Topeka, who got his start on the road to fame in this city, who happened to be visiting in the city at the time. "Tom" has lost none of his wit and kept the big audience in a constant uproar of laughter by his unequalled humor. He said it seemed mighty good to him to come back to the old town and note the improvements and he was particularly happy to note the growth of our schools which now rank with the best high schools of the state.

Miss Blanche Johnson, president of the class, in bidding good-bye to the guests made a pleasant talk in which she thanked everybody who assisted in making the reception so pleasant and she especially complimented the high school faculty.

Fruit punch and cake were served to all the guests present which numbered about 300.

This reception was without doubt the most pleasant social affair ever given in the school building. We would like very much to make individual mention but space forbids. There is so much to say for each one that the entire paper could be filled and still not do the participants justice. Suffice it to say that the guests went home singing the praises of the class of 1909.

So ends another school year. The teaching force from the primary grade to the superintendent has earned the plaudits of a united people. It would be difficult to find wherein the term's work could have been improved. The year has been marked with earnestness, industry, harmony and congeniality among instructors, pupils and school officials and with such a combination of elements there can be one—only one—result, which is success.

Lift your hat and render praise unto the Medicine Lodge teachers—they have earned your esteem.

Concert June 3rd

The ladies of St. Mark's Guild will give a concert at the opera house Thursday night, June 3rd.

They have secured the services of Felix McNeal, tenor, assisted by Master Wilbur Gillett, son of Judge Gillett, in a song recital. Master Gillett will also play a flute solo with piano accompaniment.

The local musicians of the city will also assist in the entertainment. Mr. Harry Terry, who is one of the best bass soloists in southern Kansas and whose musical art never grows old, will have a prominent place on the program.

This is certain to be an entertainment of a very high order and no lover of good music can afford to miss it.

PROGRAM

Because I Love you, Dear..... Hawley
Mr. McNeal
Creole Love Song..... Buck
Master Gillett
Kerry Dance..... Molloy
Mr. McNeal
The Clang of the Hammer..... Bonheur
Master Gillett
In the Night..... Nevins
Mr. Harry Terry
Duet—Hail to our Mountains..... Verdi
(Il Trovatore)
Mr. McNeal and Master Gillett
INTERMISSION
(a) Hark, Hark, the Lark..... Shubert
(b) Who is Sylvia.....
(c) Du Chet de Hu.....
Flute Solo..... Blumenthal
Just Because..... Burleigh
Mr. McNeal
If I were King..... Armitage
Master Gillett
Duet—Love Divine, all Love Excelling..... Stainer
Mr. McNeal and Master Gillett

Mrs. J. A. Fair is slowly improving.

Marquand & Linton are building an attractive 58-foot porch on J. C. Davis's house, south and east sides. They began yesterday.

Teachers Re-elected

At a recent meeting the school board of this city re-elected all of the teaching force of 1908-09, excepting Miss Bernice Williams in the 4th grade, who declined re-election for the reason that she intends to attend college, and Miss Maude English, whose health does not justify her teaching next term.

Under a law passed by the legislature, a normal course will be added in the high school next term and one additional instructor will be employed. The state school fund will pay a sufficient sum to the district if certain requirements are met, to maintain the normal course, and our High School has met these requirements. The instructor in normal work has not yet been employed, nor has the teacher for the second and third grades. The other instructors elected are as follows:

Superintendent, D. W. Major
Principal, Annie E. Bell
Assistant Principal, Lila M. Powers
Eighth Grade, Katharine Kelly
Seventh Grade, Minnie M. Gant
Sixth Grade and H. S. Stenography, Margaret Kernohan
Fifth Grade, Millie Webb
Fourth Grade, Myrtle Rogers (Sharon)
Primary Teacher, Ella M. Guthrie.
There will be a total of eleven teachers next term.

Sold Mortgaged Property

Dr. E. M. Stewart of Kiowa was arrested on Friday on complaint of L. B. Hill on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property. His bond was fixed at \$500 and after trying to get bondsmen about a day, was committed to jail to await a preliminary hearing, which will be held next Monday, May 31st. He has employed Samuel Griffin to defend him.

Dr. Stewart has been practicing at Kiowa for about six months. He has been in hard lines financially and took long chances. When he first located in Kiowa he bought considerable household goods from Mr. Hill, giving a title note which operates the same as a mortgage, and in his financial shortage, sold these goods piece by piece and when pay day came he had neither the goods nor the money. His sister was keeping house for him and she came with him to this city in the hope of adjusting the matter.

Dr. Stewart is a young man and is said to be a good physician. But he also is reputed to be careless about meeting his obligations and now finds himself stranded without either money or friends.

Proclamation

To the people of the city of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, Greeting: By custom and by law the American people have set apart one day in each year in which to commemorate with suitable ceremonies the preservation of the civil war, and to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who fought and fell for our country, and for the supremacy of our national government.

Inasmuch as the 30th day of May set apart by law for said observance falls on Sunday this year,

Therefore, I, H. W. Skinner, Mayor of the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, do hereby designate Saturday, the 29th day of May as a day for the observance of the ceremonies pertaining to Memorial Day, and I urge the people of Medicine Lodge on that day to lay aside their usual avocations as far as possible, and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies for the patriotic and appreciation of the deeds and services of the soldiers and sailors of the civil war.

H. W. Skinner,
Mayor.

Good pure Shumach cane seed for sale. B. E. Wadsworth.

Property Valuations

County Assessor Bailey completed his books on Saturday and turned the personal property valuations in to the county clerk. In most cases a healthy increase over last year is shown. The valuations by townships for 1908 and 1909 is shown herewith:

	1908	1909
Acton	\$163,124	\$182,356
Cedar	141,667	144,980
Deerhead	55,992	76,680
Earle	188,705	183,688
Elm Mills	185,235	150,473
Elwood	185,850	256,197
Hazleton	143,629	127,964
Hazleton City	118,340	146,975
Kiowa	303,295	175,447
Kiowa City	459,945	654,618
Lake City	214,678	287,934
Mo Adoo	77,430	88,605
Medicine Lodge	373,311	466,221
Medicine Lodge city	390,115	465,865
Mingona	128,980	150,000
Moore	143,410	197,000
Nippawalla	138,750	163,425
Sharon	157,375	220,909
Sharon city	85,745	122,905
Sun City	107,375	87,710
Turkey Creek	237,600	259,490

In each case these figures represent valuations as returned by the county assessor and his deputies and not as finally determined by the board of equalization, but the difference after equalization is not worthy of notice so far as aggregate values go.

The real estate valuation will be the same this year as it was last, except that there will be an increase so far as improvements are concerned. These additions have not yet been totaled. Last year the total realty valuation in the county was \$9,279,298. The personal valuation last year was \$3,932,756. This year it is \$4,714,311, an increase of \$781,455. The exemptions in the county amount to \$33,800, and are not included in these totals. The valuations given in this table are the valuations returned by the assessors, not as equalized by the board, and they do not include railroad, telegraph and telephone valuations. These have not yet been returned.

STATISTICAL

The statistical rolls of Barber county for the year 1908-09 are now completed. The live stock showing March 1, 1909 is as follows:

Horses	9,025
Mules and asses	2,294
Milk cows	3,347
Other cattle	14,406
Swine	293
Sheep	25,897
Dogs	1,558

On March 1, 1909 there were 444,007 bushels of corn in the county and 165 bushels of wheat. There were 16,011 tons of tame hay and 2,011 tons of prairie hay cut in 1908. The amount of butter manufactured in 1908 was 115,947 pounds; value of poultry and eggs sold, \$42,882; honey manufactured 3,280 pounds; value of milk and cream sold \$10,975.

Only four insane or idiotic people were reported in the county during the year. Two of these are credited to Medicine Lodge, one to Kiowa and one to Sharon.

An Acknowledgment

I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to publicly thank the many friends of our public schools who gave so freely of their time and talents to the success of the different programs rendered during the closing exercises of our schools last week. I cannot, personally, repay this free-will offering from so many friends except in sincere gratitude to each individual who lent his kindly aid.

D. W. Major, Superintendent.

The best place in Barber county to buy shoes is at J. K. Richardson's, Gerlane.

A Matter of Record

The Index has again been taken to task by the Kiowa Journal and some Kiowa citizens on account of the publication of the 1909 census. This is getting to be an annual occurrence and we see no reason for it. We stated that the population of Kiowa this year, as returned by the enumerator, is 1455. The Journal and others assert that it is 1540. The figures returned by the enumerator show a total of 1455, and in this total included a "bunch" listed as "Mexicans" without giving individual names.

On the face of the returns, we stated that Kiowa leads Medicine Lodge 111, but that Kiowa shows a loss of population in the township outside of the city, while both Medicine Lodge township and city show a large gain. We were also informed by a Kiowa citizen of prominence that the Kiowa enumerator placed the names of people residing in the township, in the city list which explains why the township shows a loss.

We also observe that while Kiowa returns a population of 111 more than Medicine Lodge, there are only 241 names on the personal tax rolls while there are 322 on the Medicine Lodge personal rolls. This would indicate that, in order to bring Kiowa's population up to 1455, a great many drifters were included or else Kiowa has a very large non-taxpaying population.

We do not desire to be misunderstood. Kiowa is a splendid city and is making a magnificent growth. It is composed of wide-awake, progressive and cordial people and we are glad of it.

But why does the Journal take these annual spasms when the Index publishes the figures as returned by the Kiowa enumerator? Why accuse the Index or the county clerk of altering the returns?

The matter is so inconsequential that there really is no room for controversy but if either the Journal or the Kiowa assessor will persist in braying, the Index might be goaded into publishing some of the peculiar names that appear in the census books and they then would have an example of what real embarrassment is.

New Time Card June 6th

The new time card on the D. E. & G. branch of the Santa Fe railroad will go into effect June 6th, and the schedule will be as follows:

Train leaves Kiowa at 5 o'clock A. M., and arrives at Medicine Lodge at 6:10; leaves Medicine Lodge at 6:20 and arrives at Belvidere at 7:40 connecting with the train on the Englewood branch going east. Leaves Belvidere at 8:10 and arrives at Medicine Lodge at 9:30; leaves at 10 and gets to Attica at 11:20; leaves Attica at 11:55 and returns here at 1:05, remaining here until 3:30 when it leaves for Kiowa, arriving there at 4:30, connecting with No. 118 going east which gets to Wichita about 9 p. m.

The freight and passenger service which we now have between Attica and Belvidere will not be disturbed except that the time may be altered a half hour. The new schedules will give quick connections at Medicine Lodge, Kiowa and Belvidere and all parts of the county will have an easy way to come to the county seat and return without sacrificing much time.

The only regrettable part of it is that there will be no Sunday service, but the new schedule is so much better than any we have ever had before that it looks good.

W. E. Stout spent Sunday with Mrs. Stout in Wichita. Mrs. Stout is improving rapidly and expects to return in about two weeks.